

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was the nation's first comprehensive civil rights law addressing the needs of people with disabilities. The roots of this historic Act date back to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. It began in towns and cities across the United States. It began with parents, families and friends of those living with disabilities challenging the societal barriers that excluded their fellow Americans from fair employment, access to public services and deserved accommodations.

Over the decades, the disability rights movement continued to grow and gain momentum. When ADA was enacted on July 26, 1990, it was regarded as a momentous bill that would break down barriers to education, employment and technology—and it has not disappointed. The Americans with Disabilities Act has markedly increased the quality of life for the over 55 million people living with a disability in the United States today. The ADA is viewed as responsible for a 75% increase in access to public facilities and transportation services for people with disabilities. In fact, over 20 cities across the United States including Boston, Massachusetts now use rail systems that are accessible to people with disabilities.

The ADA has also given greater voice to those faced with mental and physical challenges. This law requires that people with disabilities be given access to a right that every American is constitutionally guaranteed, the right to vote. Between 1996 and 2004, implementation of the ADA increased voter turnout amongst the men and women with disabilities by 10% compared to an overall increase of only 2%.

While a significant disparity in income and poverty rates remains for those living with disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act was a historic stepping stone that has decidedly improved the lives of millions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating this 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in recognizing the importance of this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED WILLIAM H. "COTTON" BYROM

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved William H. "Cotton" Byrom. Cotton was a friend and a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast, a successful business owner, and a leader in civil society. All of Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

Born and raised in Milton, Florida, Cotton graduated from Milton High School in the midst of World War II, and, at the age of 17, he answered the call of duty, serving with honor and distinction in the Navy during the war. Following his military service, Cotton attended Florida State University, cementing a passion for FSU football that would continue for the rest of his life. At FSU, Cotton displayed the leadership skills that would come to be a hallmark of his service to Northwest Florida, serving as founding president of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

After receiving his degree in finance, Cotton returned to his beloved Milton, starting the Byrom Insurance/Real Estate Agency, which he led for nearly four decades. Despite the rigors of running a successful small business, Cotton was also dedicated to serving the people of Milton, and this commitment to service saw him elected to various important positions. Among the many offices he held, Cotton served as Mayor of Milton, City Police Director, and City Judge, and he also served a term in the Florida Legislature. Cotton also served in many other capacities, including more than 30 years on the Board of Directors for SunTrust Bank, nearly 20 years as Chairman of the Santa Rosa Beach Administration, and more than a decade as Santa Rosa County Civil Defense Director. In addition, Cotton was a member of the "Coffee Crew," which gathered at 9:00 a.m. each morning in Milton to discuss politics and current affairs. When I attended, I always enjoyed visiting with Cotton and was deeply humbled to receive his counsel and guidance.

Cotton was also a deeply religious man and a longtime member of First United Methodist Church. In fact, as a child, Cotton began saving the money that he earned to help rebuild the church following a fire that destroyed the church in 1932.

To some, Cotton Byrom will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and patriot, who answered the call during one of our Nation's toughest hours and came back home to continue leading and serving the people of Northwest Florida; to others he will be remembered as a successful businessman and civic leader; to his friends and family he will best be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life and legacy of William H. "Cotton" Byrom. My wife Vicki and I send our deepest prayers and condolences to his wife Geraldine "Geri" Byrom; four daughters: Priscilla (Pete) Sanstead, Barbara (Terry) Johnson, Jennifer (Alan) Byrom; Julie (Guy) Byrom; grandchildren: Betsy Cooley, Leslie (Josh) Sparr, Tyler Sparr, Caroline Sanstead, and Gracie Stewart; great-grandchildren: Sarah Cooley, Brooke Baker, William Baker, Ben White and Jayden White; stepchildren, Matt (Tonya) Lawrence and Laura (Shaine) Garrison; step-grandchildren: Seth Lawrence, Grant Garrison, Colin Garrison and Emma Garrison; nephew, Jack (Betty) Williamson; special relative, Paul (Laurie) Green; and the entire Byrom family.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN MORRISON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Morrison of Creston, Iowa for being named the Class 3A Region 2 Coach of the Year by the Iowa Football Coaches Association.

With a record of 10-3 the Panthers finished the season second place in their district, earning their first berth to the class 3A state football playoffs after beating first place Dallas Center-Grimes in the district championship. Coach Morrison displayed a knack for leading these young men and rallying them around a single goal. Although they fell short of the ultimate goal, this team, and their coaching staff, had an excellent season and deserve to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I stand here today and recognize Coach Morrison for his accomplishments. It is role models like Brian that help mold our future generations. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement and wish him nothing but continued success moving forward.

SPECIAL ORDER ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to join my colleagues, Congressmen VARGAS and COLLINS in this Special Order regarding international religious freedom.

As the daughter of Assyrian and Armenian immigrants who fled the slaughter of Middle East Christians in the early 1900's, the importance of religious freedom is interwoven into the history of my family.

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I remember vividly the stories my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles told me of what they faced; how they fled; about the family members murdered; of Churches being burned; and all because they were Christians. Tragically, we are witnessing history repeating itself today in the Middle East.

Violence and instability has once again placed Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East in exceptional peril, a population which has already dwindled considerably in Iraq and Syria.

There is a systematic extermination of the world's oldest Christian communities taking place. First it was Al Qaeda when the U.S. invaded Iraq. Today it is the barbarians of ISIS who are responsible for horrific acts, including torture, murder and displacement of thousands, many with whom I share the same ethnic background.

From the founding of our nation, religious freedom has been a pillar of our democracy and it remains a cornerstone of our democracy and a value we espouse to peoples around the world.

The situation for religious minorities in the Middle East remains particularly desperate and many are losing hope. As a maelstrom of violence and religious persecution ravages this part of the world, we can and must lead.

First, there is a desperate need for humanitarian aid for the displaced inside and outside established refugee camps.

Second, the United States should provide adequate safety for the few remaining religious minority communities in Syria and Iraq.

Third, we should ease the bureaucratic burdens which hold up immigration applications for religious minorities who wish to seek refuge in the United States. Today they are made to wait years due to our tedious refugee processing through the State Department and Department of Homeland Security.

Religious leaders across ecumenical lines have come together and firmly stated their support for religious freedom. Pope Francis said in January, "... Freedom of religion and freedom of expression are both fundamental human rights."

The United States must step up, lead by example, and make good on our belief that religious freedom is a precious one.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH LENTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ralph Lents of Greenfield, Iowa for being selected as Adair County's 2015 inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Ralph's 4-H career started off quickly when he joined the Eureka Eagles showing cattle and hogs and participating in livestock judging. His leadership abilities were evident as he served as club treasurer, vice president, and was elected boys county 4-H president in 1968. He enjoyed attending the Adair-Union 4-H Winter Camp at Madrid, the State 4-H Conservation Camp and the State 4-H Conference. Ralph was a member of one of the top livestock judging teams at the Adair County Fair and later coached a team competing at

the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. Ralph received the Danforth leadership award as a senior 4-H'er.

Ralph served three four-year terms on the Adair County Extension Council: four years as chairman, and eight years as treasurer. He served on the Adams County Extension Council for four years, the Iowa Association of County Extension Councils Board of Directors, and represented southwest Iowa on several state Extension Committees. Ralph was club leader of the Way Out Walnuts for eight years, continuing in that role after his daughter, Katie, had graduated. He continues to serve as county fair beef superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and recognize Ralph for his many years of service and dedication. His efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Ralph for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE CELEBRATING PIKEVILLE INDEPENDENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pikeville Independent School District in celebration of 100 years of education and service in the coal-fields of Eastern Kentucky.

Pikeville Independent Schools have attained notable achievements across the board, including accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for Pikeville Elementary and High Schools. The educators in this school system go the extra mile to prepare students for the next level, earning an impressive second place ranking in the state for college and career readiness. Currently, at the high school, 45% of junior and seniors are taking one or more dual credit courses through the University of Pikeville and annual National Merit semi-finalists. Juniors at Pikeville High also consistently rank among Kentucky's top ten districts for ACT composite scores. Not only are individual students succeeding, but the entire student body of each class is raising the bar for achievement. Pikeville High and Junior High Schools have earned recognition as schools of distinction, while also ranking among the top ten in the state for KPREP scores as a district. The founders of this private school district clearly laid firm cornerstones that continue to support the success of its students in its centennial year of education.

Today, every Pikeville Panther has access to new, innovative opportunities like state-of-the-art science labs and online courses, as well as basic support like tutoring and full time teachers for humanities in every school. However, educators are often faced with helping students through far more daunting challenges than tests and essays in the classroom. At Pikeville Independent, students are taught the value of respect and growth in every area of student life, from academics to extra-curricular

activities, thereby inspiring the development of a well-rounded student with a good moral compass. With an average attendance rate surpassing 95%, parents and students clearly understand the importance of education in the new global economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 100 years of educational achievement in the heart of coal country. When our students succeed, the future of this great Nation gets much brighter. Congratulations to Pikeville Independent Schools. Go Panthers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHILIPP MISSFELDER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Philipp Missfelder, a member of the German parliament who passed away unexpectedly on July 13, 2015, after suffering from an apparent pulmonary embolism. We send our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Ann-Christin, and their two daughters.

Born on August 25, 1979, Mr. Missfelder dedicated his life to public service. After receiving a degree in history from the Technical University of Berlin, Mr. Missfelder rooted his commitment to public service in conservative principles. He served as a member of Germany's lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, since 2005 and then became the foreign policy spokesman of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats in 2009.

Mr. Missfelder was a dynamic foreign policy expert and respected leader committed to improving international relations and Germany's transatlantic ties. He garnered a reputation from his colleagues for being a champion of pro-life policy and for his strong support of our common ally, Israel.

When I first met Mr. Missfelder, I was immediately struck by his outgoing and friendly personality, genuine nature, passion for his beliefs, and his desire to serve the citizens of Germany. It was with deep sadness that I learned of his passing.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the life of Philipp Missfelder for his public service to Germany, his commitment to democratic values, and the example he set for other public officials around the world.

TRIBUTE TO AARON DEMORY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Aaron Demory of North Liberty, Iowa, for receiving the 2015 Youth Human Rights Award for his volunteer work in Guatemala.

Each year the Iowa City Human Rights Commission recognizes youth who demonstrate passion and commitment towards bettering society through their service to others with a Youth Human Rights Award.

Aaron Demory was granted this prestigious award for voluntarily traveling to Guatemala to

build houses over the summer. Aaron's hard work and dedication to assisting others truly embodies our lowa values.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent future leaders like Aaron Demory in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I applaud his service to others today. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him for receiving this award. I wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE CNY UNITED
POWER SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the CNY United Power Soccer team in the latest National Power Soccer Tournament in Tampa, Florida. CNY United defeated the Arizona Sun Devil's Power Soccer Club by a score of 3-2 in the championship game.

The CNY United Power Soccer program was formed in 2005 at Champions for Life in Auburn, New York. In 2007, CNY United became a member of the US Power Soccer Association, an organization of over 60 teams across the country. Since their first tournament in 2007, the CNY United team has practiced and trained vigorously to solidify themselves as a contender at the national level of power soccer. CNY United received the national title during the recent MK Battery 2015 Premiere Cup due to the commitment and hard work of: Drew Cunningham, Tony Reuter, Ryan Charboneau, Peyton Sefick, Pat Coggins, Joel Maldonado, Brad Smith, Scott Laffen, and coach, Jim Sefick.

Power soccer is a rapidly growing adaptive sport specifically designed for people in power wheelchairs. I am proud to recognize these athletes as stewards of this sport, advocates for increased opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Central New York, and nationally titled athletes.

IN HONOR OF DARRELL
BLACKWELDER'S CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor County Extension Director Darrell Blackwelder for his faithful service to the state of North Carolina.

In 1979, Darrell Blackwelder began his career with the North Carolina Extension Service as an Agricultural Extension Agent in charge of educational programs in Rowan County. In 1989, after a brief stint in the private sector, he returned to the Extension Service in Davie County as an agent in charge of horticulture, pesticide management, and community resource development. He then returned to Rowan County in 1993 as an Agricultural Extension Agent in charge of horticulture, forestry, and community and resource development.

Mr. Blackwelder performed on-going educational programs for commercial vegetable producers, and was in charge of the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program. His exemplary work in all of these positions led to his hiring as the Rowan County Extension Director in 2011.

Mr. Blackwelder has received many awards throughout his career including the "Young Agriculture Agent of the Southwest District" in 1986, the "State Winner-Website" in 2006, and the "NC Agriculture Agent Distinguished Service Award" in 2015. Equally as impressive to these accolades was his will to become a better agent. Mr. Blackwelder diligently worked to become a Certified Public Pesticide Operator and a Certified Plant Professional.

He has had the opportunity to travel and consult for producers and agents in tomato production regions of the Middle East and Central Asia. Mr. Blackwelder has also been a valuable member of the community, and has served on the board of directors for the Salisbury Farmers Market, Rowan County Vocational Workshop, and American Cancer Society in Rowan County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in thanking Darrell Blackwelder for his esteemed service to our community and congratulating him on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE CLARINDA RE-
GIONAL HEALTH CENTER RELAY
FOR LIFE TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Clarinda Regional Health Center Relay for Life Team of Clarinda, Iowa, for receiving the 2015 Relay for Life Traveling Trophy.

Each year the Relay for Life Traveling Trophy is awarded to the team donating the most money to Relay for Life in their counties. The Clarinda Regional Health Center Relay for Life Team was given this prestigious award for donating \$5,000 to aid cancer research and awareness. Their hard work and dedication to assisting others truly embodies our Iowa values.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent the members of the Clarinda Regional Health Center Relay for Life team in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I congratulate them today. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating them for receiving this award and thanking them for their commitment to helping others. I wish the team and employees at Clarinda Regional Health Center all the best moving forward.

HONORING JIM BARBOUR, NAPA
COUNTY AGRICULTURALIST OF
THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Barbour, my longtime

friend, and the recipient of the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2014 Agriculturalist of the Year Award. Mr. Barbour has been, and continues to be, a tireless advocate and fierce supporter of agriculture in the Napa Valley. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize and thank Mr. Barbour today for his relentless dedication to his craft and effort to promote agriculture in Napa County.

Jim Barbour was born in San Francisco, moved to the Napa Valley as a child and grew up in Rutherford on his family's ranch along Highway 29. His education in agriculture began at an early age; the family grew prunes on their 30-acre property as well as Gamay, Mondeuse and Petit Bouschet wine grapes. He attended UC Davis where he acquired a bachelor's degree in viticulture and embarked on a lifelong career in plant science.

In the span of nearly four decades, Jim Barbour has planted and managed some of the Napa Valley's most highly regarded vineyards, collaborating with its leading winemakers and playing a crucial role in the creation of some of its finest wines. As proprietor of Barbour Vineyards Management and Development he has been able to craft, shape and produce exceptional vintages, as well as his own Barbour Wines.

Mr. Barbour has made a lifelong commitment to his craft as an advocate for responsible and sustainable farming practices. He is a long time donor to Family House of San Francisco, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the local community schools within Napa Valley. Mr. Barbour was also chairman of Napa Farm Bureau's "Shaken, not deterred!" rebuilding campaign after the South Napa Earthquake of August 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Barbour's leadership in the wine industry and viticultural advancement is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish him further success in an already distinguished career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 101ST
BIRTHDAY OF GERALDINE
(JERRY) EMMETT

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Geraldine Emmett, who celebrated her 101st birthday on July 18, 2015. Affectionately known as Jerry by everyone, she is one of Arizona's oldest living Democrats, a beloved educator and the founder of the Democratic Women of Prescott Area (DWPA).

Jerry graduated from Northern Arizona University Teacher's College in 1937 and for 45 years taught in communities throughout Arizona, including the Navajo Reservation, the small town of Seligman along Route 66, Tombstone, Scottsdale and Phoenix, before retiring and moving to Prescott 25 years ago. Then, at the age of 75, Jerry launched the DWPA and helped build it into the dynamic grassroots program that it is today.

Jerry has been a vital asset to every school and community she has touched throughout the years, and I proudly count myself among the many who have been inspired by her tenacity, vision and sincere belief in Arizona's greatness. Members, I ask you to join me in

wishing Jerry Emmett a Happy 101st Birthday and thank her for all that she had done for Arizona and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO CLINT SPURRIER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Clint Spurrier of Mount Ayr, Iowa for receiving a 2015 Governor's Volunteer Award. Starting in 1983, the Governor's office began awarding state employees who displayed a commitment to volunteerism by helping with various projects or programs within their communities. Since its implementation the award has expanded to any member of the public that displays the necessary attributes for receiving this award.

Clint is a prime example of the dedication and commitment to service that Iowans are known for. He selflessly gives his time to programs like the South Central Iowa Community Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life all across the south central region of Iowa through the implementation of charitable funds. Each year, they donate more than \$1 million to various organizations in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and recognize Clint for his many years of service and dedication to others in his community. His volunteerism embodies the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Clint for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN KOREAN WAR SOLDIERS FROM QUEENS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise with The Honorable JOSEPH CROWLEY, The Honorable STEVE ISRAEL, The Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, The Honorable CAROLYN MALONEY, and The Honorable GREGORY MEEKS, on the 62nd anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, to recognize the brave soldiers from Queens who were killed or missing in action during the Korean War. Many of these valiant soldiers are memorialized on a statue in Kissena Park, in my district.

The Korean War was a grueling conflict that brought the Cold War into Asia. The Korean War lasted three years, and approximately five million soldiers and civilians were killed.

In this tragic three-year period, one hundred and eighty-three soldiers from Queens died to protect our country and the democratic ideals that we hold dear. It is important to honor their memory and ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten. I wish to submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Dominick M. Ambrosino, Thomas W. August, Joseph Banks, Gilbert E. Barnard,

George Barrell, Reginald J. Batten, Salvatore T. Bellavia, Joseph P. Bertani, Robert S. Bick, Robert H. Black, Edward R. Bosch, Walter J. Bradich, Harry M. Bringes, Charles J. Brown, Jr., Thomas J. Burke.

Nicola Cafaro, Joseph S. Campo, Joseph J. Carey, Jr., Robert J. Carpenter, Patrick F. Carr, Peter F. Casey, Donald M. Chapple, Leroy R. Coleman, William Collins, Josephs Colonna, Frederick A. Conti, Mario Contiliano, John R. Coogan, Edward T. Cooney, Ernest J. Corin, Anthony E. Costa, Donald J. Cuniffe, Daniel V. Curley, Peter J. Cusumano, Benito Dalleva, Jerome M. Daly, William Davis, John A. De Franchesi, Trinidad De La Fuente, Joseph De Pietro, Richard P. Delligatti, Fiore J. Di Giorgio, Joseph E. Doherty, Mortimer Domroe, Charles A. Dow, Matthew R. Downs, Richard T. Dwyer.

Edward A. Edni, Lewis Fabrizio, James F. Farrell, Dominick J. Fazio, Milton Fedchisin, David E. Feldmeth, Eugene H. Firnges, Thomas F. Fisher, Thomas E. Flanagan, Douglas L. Flannery, James L. Forenza, Niel M. Freeman, Frank T. Frey, Raymond X. Gallagher, Fred J. Giangrosso, John Giesecking, Gilbert G. Goepel, Fred Goldstein, Walter F. Gross, Leon Gurfein.

Robert W. Hamblin, Robert Hanley, Daniel M. Healy, John J. Hegarty III, Adolf F. Heissler, Paul O. Herman, Thomas D. Herr, Thomas Hicks, Edmond Hitziger, Marti F. Hochenberger, Martin J. Hoffman, Edgar G. Holmes, Edward M. Howard, Raymond P. Jenner, Elmer J. Kallmeyer, John J. Kane, Edward Kazmierczak, George C. Klausner, Kenneth W. Kinsey, Kingdon R. Knapp, Paul J. Kruk.

Salvatore T. La Rocca, Edward F. Lamers, Meredith L. Lehman, Jr., Billy Liolin, Ernest Little, Sr., George J. Mabin, Guy A. Maclaury, Michael F. Maher, Daniel D. Maletta, George H. Mammes, Philip V. Mandra, John S. Maniatty, Anthony Marcatante, Jason Maschist, Marshall McCook, James C. McEvoy, James J. F. McGoey, Hugh P. McKenna, John P. McKenna, John P. McLaughlin, Joseph E. McLaughlin, Robert J. McLoughlin, John P. McQuade, John C. Mendel, Henry Mezzatesta, Jr., Theodore Milczarczyk, Gus E. Miller, Robert F. Miller, John G. Mitchell, Curtis L. Smith, Ralph R. Mitola, William W. Monaghan, Gunther T. Muller.

Adolphus Nava, Charles V. Nejedly, Dennis J. Nyhan, Edward O'Donnell, Vincent W. O'Neill, Michael J. O'Sullivan, Anthony E. Pagano, Raphael J. Paparillo, Jr., Elmiro Patitucci, Jr., Frederick Perrotta, Alfred P. Perry, John Pointeck, Jr., Frank P. Ragone, Benjamin Rand, George H. Redding, Michael D. Restaino, Roy T. Riggs, Thomas M. Robb, Edward J. Rock, Daniel F. Rogers, Louis H. Roman, James J. Rone, Hector P. Rosa, George J. Rothenberger, John J. Ryan.

Bernard J. Sabin, John W. Salerno, Columbus Samuels, Edward F. Santora, Francis Scherman, William D. Scott, Henry Scotti, Frederick M. Scribner, Jr., Warren Sears, Ronald E. Shaddock, John J. Shay, Jr., James R. Silk, George E. Simmons, Nichol L. Siniscalchi, Stephen J. Smallbone, Curtis L. Smith, Dewitt R. Smith, Ernest A. Sobeck, Jr., Ronald C. Sparks, Raymond A. Staats, Anthony G. Steinhauer, Jr., James A. Sullivan, Jr., George F. Troy, Curt W. Ulrich, Leonard J. Vanata, James Void, Richard H. Volz, Robert A. Vradenburgh, Martin J. Wahl, William R.

Walsh, Allan J. Waterman, Gerhardt H. Weber, Arthur A. Weigand, Melvin Weiss, Chester W. Wierzbicki, Gerald F. Williams, Richard E. Willoughby, Walter J. Yuzskiewics.

As representatives of Queens, it is our honor to recognize the fallen soldiers who called Queens their home, and gave their lives in service to our country. I would like to thank the National Archives and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for providing the names of the deceased.

TRIBUTE TO PAYTON WEEHLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Payton Weehler of Maloy, Iowa, for qualifying for nationals at the Memorial Day State Junior High Rodeo Tournament. Payton is the son of Neil and Jill Weehler.

Payton won the break-away roping competition and received the Rookie of the Year award. His success reflects his hard work and dedication to his craft. He will compete at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, later in the summer.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Payton in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Payton on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament and in his future career.

HONORING BETTY RHODES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Betty Rhodes, who is leaving after 15 years of dedicated service to the Napa County Commission on Aging.

Ms. Betty Rhodes served in several vital capacities on the Napa County Commission on Aging, most important as Chair for two terms beginning in 2001. Throughout the years, she has been a consistent and committed benefactor to the community through her patronage and support of innumerable causes in Napa County. Her commitments include writing the "Senior Corner" in the St. Helena Star, serving on the Board of Directors of Napa, becoming a member of the Senior Advisory Committee for the City of Napa, and becoming co-host of Seniors Rule!, a new local television series. Ms. Rhodes fully embraced her numerous leadership positions and has been an important advocate for the elderly community.

One of her major contributions to the local community is the award winning protective measure known as the Caregiver Permit Ordinance. This measure mandates fingerprinting and criminal background checks for every individual and business providing in-home care for the elderly and disabled in the Napa Valley. Ms. Rhodes was also named "Outstanding Booster of the Year" by the Napa Chamber of Commerce in 2009, signifying the lasting positive impacts that she has had on the community.

Ms. Rhodes' success in working with the elder community stems from her ability to truly understand their needs as well as their value in the community. Through her dedication and determination, she has proven to be an influential leading advocate for older adults.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rhodes has a long and distinguished career of service to others, most notably to the senior community in Napa County. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge Ms. Rhodes today and wish her well as she departs the Napa County Commission on Aging.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law and codified the prohibition of discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and public and private places that are open to the general public.

An individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment. Approximately 112,158 individuals of the population living within the 17th Congressional District have a disability. I am proud to represent them and to speak out today on a law that transformed our country.

As a nation, America took another step on the pathway toward true equality during the late 1980s when the concept of federal legislation with the single, worthy goal of expanding civil rights protections to millions of Americans with disabilities gained bipartisan support.

I applauded those advocates, such as former Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, who first introduced the legislation on May 8, 1988. Those great people brought to life a vision of inclusion, access, and dignity. It is my hope we can today follow in their likeness and continue to protect the rights of all people.

TRIBUTE TO HANK BOHLING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Hank Bohling of Greenfield, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H citizenship project award. Hank is the son of Lynn and Elaine Bohling of Greenfield, Iowa.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55

counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Hank's commitment to serving others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent future leaders like Hank Bohling in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I applaud his award today. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Hank on his achievement. I wish him and his family nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND TENNIS WEEK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to honor the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place August 1–9, 2015, in Rock Creek Park, and to recognize these dates as "Tennis Week" in the District of Columbia. All are invited to attend the 47th installment of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic, and community staple in the region.

The Washington tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, and with the support of Arthur Ashe. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport, and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains in its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Donald Dell gave the tournament charter to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for children.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in 182 countries. A 2014 economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$26 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States, and it is one of only four professional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, celebrated August 1–9, as well as the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation for their outstanding efforts to run a world-class sporting event and contributions to D.C. youth.

IN HONOR OF FELIX PELLETIER

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Rhode Island resident Felix Pelletier, not only for his courageous service in the Army during World War II, but also his continuous service to the men and women of the armed services long after he honorably completed his tour of duty.

For years now, Mr. Pelletier has dedicated hours each day to making life more comfortable for our service members. Using his trusted Singer sewing machine, he has created neck coolers to help provide relief for the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines from the heat endured while defending our freedom. At age 90, Mr. Pelletier has sewn over 50,000 of these devices and continues to craft them one stitch at a time.

I commend Mr. Pelletier for his devotion to serving our country for over 70 years, from the shores of Normandy to our home state of Rhode Island. We are proud to have him as one of our own, and I thank him for his selfless commitment to helping our service members to this day.

TRIBUTE TO HOUSTON STEPHENS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Houston Stephens for qualifying for nationals at the Memorial Day State Junior High Rodeo Tournament. Houston is the son of Jamie and Brad Stephens of Glenwood, Iowa.

Houston received the reserve champion award in the break-away roping competition and placed second in the team roping competition. His success reflects his dedication to the event, as well as his work ethic and competitive spirit. He will compete at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, later this summer.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Houston in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but the best at the National Junior High Rodeo Tournament and in his future rodeo career.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,903,780,340.35. We've added \$7,525,026,731,427.27 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could

have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

COACH ROBERT HALE

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Robert Hale, a Texas coaching legend in his own right, for his exemplary achievements and positive impact on his students, players, community and the great state of Texas.

In 1968 Coach Hale began his coaching career at Leonard Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas. He went on to become the head coach at 9 different Texas high schools including; Seymour, Dalhart, Lewisville, Burleson, Everman, Pampa, Weatherford, Azle and Crowley. As a coach, he lead his teams to historic victories, including winning the Class 4A state title at Pampa High School in 1996 and defeating defending state champ Fort Worth Dunbar in 2004. In all, Coach Hale amassed a UIL career record of 753–377 and an overall record of 806–387.

Coach Hale has been influential both on and off the basketball court. He taught his students and players life lessons that they could carry with them into adulthood. He took the time to truly influence those around him, and his admirable service has left a lasting mark on his community. I speak on behalf of his son, Colby, when I say he is looked up to by his family and those closest to him.

Today I am proud to say Coach Hale's work has earned him the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor.

I couldn't be prouder of Coach Hale, and it is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO THE SIDNEY IOWA
CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa institution, the Sidney Championship Rodeo. On August 8th, the Sidney Rodeo will be inducted into the 2015 Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. The Sidney Rodeo is among the oldest and most prestigious events in the United States. This year, they are celebrating their 92nd year in operation.

The Sidney Championship Rodeo began in 1923 when Earl and Henry Tackett decided to entertain guests of the Old Soldiers Reunion. Members of the Sidney American Legion Post 128 quickly assumed sponsorship and made it an annual event. After 92 years in operation, the Sidney Rodeo arena is one of the best in the country with loyal visitors who travel from near and far for the event. The City of Sidney has 1,150 residents, but during the Rodeo the population swells to 38,000.

For the past 92 years the Sidney Championship Rodeo has accomplished a great deal

and is a true testament of hard work and dedication. I commend the Sidney Championship Rodeo for a job well done. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring the Sidney Rodeo for this great achievement. I wish them nothing but continued success moving forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "BUSINESS
SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY
ON TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY
ACT OF 2015"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce bipartisan legislation along with my fellow co-chair on the Human Trafficking Caucus, Rep. CHRIS SMITH.

Very few Americans are aware that many of the goods they use everyday are tainted by human trafficking or the worst forms of child labor. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's 2014 List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor, 136 goods from 74 countries were made by forced and child labor. This bill will require businesses to disclose policies and practices they employ to eliminate human trafficking from operations and product development.

The Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act doesn't tell businesses what to do, but rather informs consumers what they are doing to eliminate human slavery from their supply chains.

This legislation would help inform consumers where and how their goods are made. While there are good actors, there are businesses operating in parts of the world that rely on enslaved humans to produce their products. We believe American consumers have a right to know who these companies are.

This legislation creates a market-based solution rather than relying on prescriptive action by the federal government. Large global companies already reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) simply need to include what they are doing to rid their supply chains of human slavery and post this information on their company websites. Consumers will be empowered to make their purchasing decisions based on the information provided. Very simply, this bill creates an incentive to improve practices to end slavery.

Human trafficking is 21st century slavery. The International Labor Organization estimates that nearly 21 million people are working in some form of forced labor worldwide. We must use every tool available to help these men, women, and children around the world who are enslaved.

TRIBUTE TO SUE BECK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sue Beck of Kellerton, Iowa for receiving a 2015 Gov-

ernor's Volunteer Award. Starting in 1983, the Governor's office began awarding state employees who displayed a commitment to volunteerism by helping with various projects or programs within their communities. Since its implementation the award has expanded to any member of the public that displays the necessary attributes for receiving this award.

Sue is a prime example of the dedication and commitment to service that Iowans are known for. She selflessly gives her time to programs like the South Central Iowa Community Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life all across the south central region of Iowa through the implementation of charitable funds. Each year, they donate more than \$1 million to various organizations in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and recognize Sue for her many years of service and dedication to others in her community. Her volunteerism embodies the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Sue for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
COLONEL D. SCOTT BRENTON

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Colonel D. Scott Brenton. Col. Brenton has 27 years of dedicated service with the United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. Col. Brenton has been decorated with numerous medals, awards, and service distinctions. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and airman.

Col. Brenton began his military career in the Air Force in 1988 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi and finished his training in 1990 at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. Following his training, Col. Brenton served for one year as an F-16C Pilot and as an Assistant Weapons Officer in the Republic of South Korea. In 1991, Col. Brenton was deployed to Germany where he served as an F-16C Instructor Pilot and Evaluator Pilot until 1995.

In 1995, Col. Brenton was trained in a USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. For the next three years Col. Brenton was an F-16CJ Instructor, Evaluator, Weapons Officer, and Flight Commander at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. He then returned to Nellis Air Force Base, working as an F-16CG, CJ, CM instructor, and Flight Commander at the USAF Fighter Weapons School from 1998 to 2000. From 2000 to 2001, Col. Brenton served as the Chief Wing Airspace Range Scheduler within the Department of Energy Liaison at the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base. Col. Brenton then became an Assistant Operations Officer, Evaluator, and Program Manager at the USAF Fighter Weapons School for one year at Nellis Air Force Base.

In 2002, Col. Brenton transitioned to Hancock Field Air National Guard Base in Syracuse, New York, where he has since served.

From 2002–2005, he served as the Chief of Weapons and Tactics for the 138th Fighter Squadron and then served as their Director of Operations until 2008. Col. Brenton then became the 174th Operations Support Flight Commander for three years. Concluding his 27 years of service, from 2011 to present day, Col. Brenton has served as the 174th Operations Group Commander at Hancock Field.

Throughout his military career, Col. Brenton has logged a total of over 4800 flying hours, including over 350 combat missions in various contingencies to include Operations Northern and Southern Watch in Iraq, Operations Deny Flight and Deliberate Force in Bosnia, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

During his career, Col. Brenton has displayed honorable character and service to the United States Air Force, the New York Air National Guard, and our country. His military decorations and unit awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal with one device; Air Medal with six devices; Aerial Achievement Medal with five devices; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Award with one device; and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four devices.

Col. Brenton's effective dates of promotion are: Second Lieutenant, October 1987; First Lieutenant, October 1989; Captain, October 1991; Major, August 1998; Lieutenant Colonel, September 2003; Colonel, July 2012.

In his civilian capacity, Col. Brenton graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1987. He then went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Science and Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University. During his service to our nation, Col. Brenton graduated from the NATO Tactical Leadership Programme in Belgium, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and the Joint Task Force Commander Training Course within USNORTHCOM at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Without question Mr. Speaker, Col. Brenton is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service, Col. Brenton can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years; Col. Brenton, thank you for all of your years of hard work, dedication, and service to our country.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY ANDREWS
ON WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL
AT THE 2015 JUNIOR U.S. OPEN
INTERNATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP
IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Timothy Andrews for winning the Gold Medal for his weight division at the 2015 Junior U.S. Open International Judo Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This remarkable young man has risen from an immensely challenging childhood to become an icon for his community and peers. Timothy has been featured in the Westside Gazette and South Florida Sun Sentinel for his athletic wins and inspirational triumphs over adversity. As a mark of good character, he has shown only gratitude and humbleness to those who have helped him in his life.

I would be remiss not to mention the Broward County-based organization Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth (HANDY, Inc.) for the role that it has played in Timothy's ascent into adolescence and adulthood. HANDY, Inc. has worked with Timothy since the age of 12 to help him prioritize his life and realize his dreams to one day represent the United States in the Olympic Games. Timothy has also shown tremendous appreciation to his Sensei, Mr. Ghalib Carmichael of the Onikusu Judo Club in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Timothy Andrews for all that he has accomplished. His story is one of inspiration and demonstrates that all children have incredible potential to do great things and give back to their communities. I bid him good luck as he trains and remains steadfast in reaching his dreams.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS EMERGENCY TREATMENT ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act. This important and necessary legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran is afforded the highest level of emergency care at every emergency-capable medical facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It would accomplish this by applying the statutory requirements of the Emergency Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to emergency care furnished by the VA to enrolled veterans.

EMTALA, designed to prevent hospitals from transferring, or "dumping," uninsured patients at public hospitals requires 1) a hospital to conduct a medical examination to determine if an emergency medical condition exists; 2) if such condition exists, the hospital must either stabilize the patient or comply with the statutory requirements of a proper transfer; and 3) if an emergency medical condition exists and has not been stabilized, the hospital may not transfer the patient unless the patient, after being made aware of the risks, makes a transfer request in writing or a physician certifies that the medical benefits of a transfer outweigh the risks.

EMTALA grants every individual a right to emergency care. While a 2007 Veterans Health Administration (VHA) directive indicates that the VA complies with the intent of the EMTALA requirements, VA hospitals are "non-participating" hospitals and are therefore not obligated to fulfill EMTALA requirements. It is has become abundantly clear that the VA is not fulfilling the EMTALA directive. All too frequently, the policy is to turn down those who try to access an emergency room. It happened

to my constituent, 64-year-old Army veteran Donald Siefken, when the Seattle VA refused to assist him from his car into the emergency room. Last year in New Mexico, a veteran died when the VA refused to transport him the 500 yards to the emergency room. This is not a new issue. These incidents have been documented as far back as 2006, yet the VA has yet to change their policy, and Congress must act.

Put simply, my commonsense and straightforward legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran who arrives at the emergency department of a VA medical facility and indicates an emergency condition exists, is assessed and treated in an effort to prevent further injury or death.

I urge all members to join me in supporting this legislation. This is common sense legislation to ensure our veterans are treated fairly.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

9 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on combating campus sexual assault.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 284, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, and the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, both of the District of Columbia, Sheila Gwaltney, of

California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and Peter F. Mulrean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1400, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses, S. 1756, to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency, S. 1857, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, S. 1866, to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, an original bill entitled, "A Sense of the Committee on the Small Business Tax Compliance Relief Act of 2015", and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Act of 2015".

SR-428A

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on United States interests and the military balance in the Middle East.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine the role of bankruptcy reform in addressing too-big-to-fail.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "EINSTEIN Act of 2015", S. 1073, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, an original bill entitled, "Quarterly Financial Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2015", S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1526, to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors,

subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1808, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, S. 779, to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency, S. Res. 104, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers, S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, an original bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the "Lieutenant Colonel James 'Maggie' Megellas Post Office", S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building", and the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine wireless broadband and the future of spectrum policy.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine the financial crisis in Greece, focusing on implications and lessons learned.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

To hold hearings to examine IRS targeting, focusing on progress of agency reforms and congressional options.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 383, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and S. 732, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the true costs of alcohol and drug abuse in Native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine best practices at public and private shipyards.

SR-232A

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ending veteran homelessness.

SR-418

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, to be Chief of Naval Operations.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine the impact of the United States tax code on the market for corporate control and jobs.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine sanctions and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, and S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine whistleblower claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and related legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

3 p.m.		AUGUST 6		POSTPONEMENTS
Select Committee on Intelligence				
To hold closed hearings to examine cer-	2:30 p.m.	Select Committee on Intelligence		JULY 29
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	SH-219	intelligence matters.		Committee on Foreign Relations
				To hold hearings to examine the North
				Korea threat and United States policy.
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